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Generally Fair.

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BALLOT WILL TELL THURSDAY WHAT EMPLOYEES WANT

Straight Pension, Contributory Retirement, and Salaries Issue.

VOTING BOXES FOR EACH DEPARTMENT

Additional Ones to Be Established
So That No One Need
Miss Chance.

Every Government employe will be given an opportunity to vote on the salary and retirement propositions when The Times conducts the poll on Thursday.

Provision has been made to have the ballot boxes accessible to all employes and there will be a sufficient number of ballots to go around. There will be five more ballot boxes than there were when The Times held the poll on the longer working day question several weeks ago.

These additional ballot boxes will be located at the Government Printing Office, the Census Bureau, the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, the Bureau of Fisheries, and the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the Geological Survey.

Request Chance to Vote.

Urgent requests were received by the employes in these offices that they be given a chance to vote without going to one of the other polling places. They stated that great interest in the salary and retirement agitation has been aroused.

The form of the ballots will be announced in The Times tomorrow. In a general way the nature of the ballot was decided upon at a conference of the leaders of the movements last week, but several details are yet to be completed.

The propositions, generally stated, will be for straight civil pensions, "for the contributory plan of retirement," and "whether an increase in salary first would be preferred." These are the questions that were argued in the columns of The Times during the last week and on them will be based the ballot.

Thursday has been selected as the day on which the poll will be held. When the employes leave their places of duty at the lunch hour they will be given ballots by men stationed at the exits. They will then have the ballots to study during the afternoon and will deposit them when they leave work at the closing hour.

In order that there shall be no confusion, the ballot boxes will not be put in place until about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. They will be placed at the exits, and as the men and women pass out, they will cast their ballot, the idea being that during the afternoon they will have filled them out as they desire.

Twenty-two ballot boxes will be distributed over the city, and it is believed that each employe will have no trouble or experience any inconvenience in voting. At the last poll there were seven ballot boxes.

Distribution of Boxes.

The distribution of the ballot boxes will be as follows:
Three at the State, War, and Navy Building.
Two at the Postoffice.
One at the Treasury and Labor office.
Two at the Pension office.
Four at Department of the Interior offices.
Two at the Agricultural Department offices.
One at the Government Printing Office.
One at the Census office.
One at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.
One at the Bureau of Fisheries.
One at the Interstate Commerce Commission offices and the Geological Survey offices.

Advocates of the retirement plans will have committees to assist in bringing out the full voting strength of the employes at each place. Also there will be "watchers" to prevent the possibility of "ballot stuffing" and repelling.

Heavy Vote Expected.

Employers recognize the urgency of registering a heavy vote to make the returns have any impression on Congress, and for that reason are campaigning for the side they favor. They realize that the result is sure to be watched with interest by members of Congress as reflecting the sentiment of the employes themselves, for the returns no doubt will serve as a guide in retirement legislation, proving the wants of the workers are heeded.

It cannot urge too strongly the necessity of all supporters of the straight pension plan getting out and hustling in this campaign, said Michael F. O'Donoghue, president of the United

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WEATHER REPORT

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Rain tonight, probably turning to snow and colder by morning; Tuesday generally fair; much colder with a cold wave, increasing southerly winds shifting to northwest, becoming high Thursday.

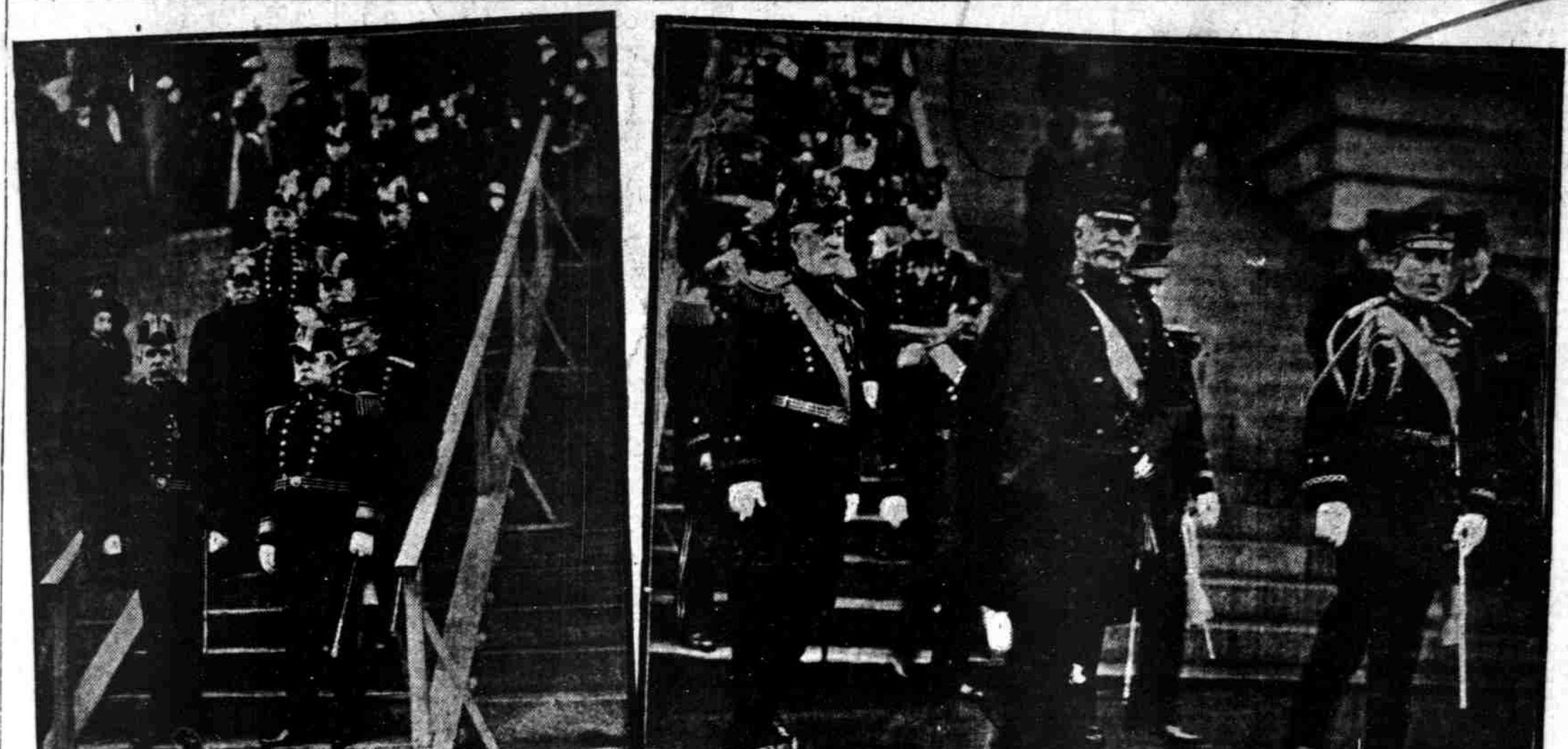
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CONDITION OF RIVERS.

HARPER'S FERRY, Va., Jan. 2.—Floods slightly muddy and Shenandoah clear.

Distinguishing Scenes About White House Attending the New Year Reception



Navy Officers Leaving State, War, and Navy Building for White House.

NEW YEAR THROG GREETED BY TAFT

White House Scene of Gorgeous Annual Reception.

President Taft smiled his New Year greeting to the world today.

The reception was attended by 4,000 people. It was the second time that the President and Mrs. Taft officiated as host and hostess at that time-honored function, the White House New Year reception. In defiance of the weather, crowds gathered outside the White House hours before the buglers of the Marine Band trumpeted the entrance of the Chief Magistrate and the First Lady of the Land to commence the reception of the world's diplomats, the judiciary, and the Government officials, all of whom were received before the latch was lifted to the common people.

The crowd twisted in a persistent and stamping line from the White House doors down Pennsylvania avenue. Possessors of shiny elbows jostled bloods in fur-lined overcoats. Matrons of determined physiognomy kept a hawklike watch for advantageous places in the line. There were lean, there were fat, there were tall, and there were small in the thousands that came to shake the hand of President Taft and to wish him a Happy New Year.

President's Call.

With the first stroke of the great hall clock at 11, four buglers stepped out from the band and sounded the Presidential call. The President and Mrs. Taft appeared at the top of the broad winding stair and came down to receive the Vice President and Mrs. Sherman, and the members of the Cabinet and their wives. The party then moved to the southern end of the Blue Room, where the President and Vice President and the Cabinet members formed a receiving line and the ladies took up their places to the right of them. Then commenced the reception of the Diplomatic Corps.

This is one of the most gorgeous spectacles that the National Capital witnesses in the entire year. Bedecked and beribboned with the orders of their court costumes, the representatives of the foreign nations filed past the President. It was a brilliant panoply of robes of red and gold and blue, scintillating here and there with the shining helmets of the Germans and the silks of the Oriental ambassadors and ministers.

The ambassadors were led by Baron Hengelmüller von Hengervar, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, who, since the last New Year reception has succeeded to the rank of dean of the Diplomatic Corps. Following him came the Brazilian and Chilean embassies, the representatives of these countries having died in the past year, and no successors yet been sent by their governments.

Ministers in Line.

After the ambassadors came the ministers, headed by Senor Don Joaquin Bernardo Calvo, the Costa Rican minister, who has been for years dean of the ministerial contingent. The last in this line was H. H. Bryn, minister from Norway, who was presented to the President only a few weeks ago. Each ambassador and minister was accompanied by his wife and the members of his suite.

Before the last diplomat had passed from sight, the new Chief Justice of the United States, Edward Douglass White, led the associate justices of the Supreme Court into the receiving room. They were followed by other members of the judiciary, among them the judges of the Courts of Commerce and Customs Appointed.

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General Miles, General Wood, and Other Army Officers in Upper Picture. Two Views of Crowds Outside White House.

EXTREME COLD DUE HERE LATE TONIGHT

Wave Is Advancing From the West and Will Be Severe.

With all the West beyond the Mississippi valley held in its frozen grasp, the coldest wave of the season is advancing steadily over the entire nation, and is due to reach Washington late tonight.

Rain, followed by snow, is the local prediction for tonight and early tomorrow. The lowest temperature is expected to be recorded tomorrow night.

At noon today the Weather Bureau announced that a storm area, which had been expected to reach the Pacific coast Tuesday, has already struck Alaska, and that one of the worst blizzards in years is raging at Nome.

Second Storm Due Friday.

This second disturbance is slated to reach Washington about Friday. According to the Weather Bureau, it will be preceded by rising temperatures and attended by general precipitation. The cold snap that will hit the Atlantic States tonight probably will not last longer than two days. What kind of weather is traveling in the wake of the disturbance now over Alaska no one can say.

Florida will not escape the winter that is blowing out of the West, and will get her taste of it tonight. The Weather Bureau has telegraphed warnings to fruit growing and other interests in Florida, and brush fires have been kindled in the orange groves in the northern part of the State. The mercury is expected to drop to the twenties in the Peninsular State.

In the Mississippi Valley.

This morning the eastern extremity of the cold wave extended along the entire Mississippi valley. West of there no section of the country has escaped. It is estimated that the center of the disturbance is over Lake Superior. In its progress eastward, the center will pass considerably to the north of Washington, and, for this reason, as cold weather will not be felt here as that which is expected to visit the North Atlantic States.

Texas leads the Southern States in having experienced the coldest weather so far. In Montana the mercury registered 38 degrees below zero.

Where the disturbances have been accompanied by snow falls the drifting has been severe, and has seriously hampered telegraphic service. Trains have

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POOR GIRL TO FIGHT TO OBTAIN ESTATE

Mamie Miller Penniless When She Hears of Fortune Here.

As fast as the train can bring her here, Mamie Miller, the daughter of Mrs. Frances Miller of this city, who up to yesterday had considered herself alone in the world and penniless, but who found that she is the sole heir to \$20,000 worth of property left her by her mother, is hurrying to this city from Frederick, Md., and is expected to arrive in plenty of time to allow her lawyer to draw up the necessary papers for the opening of the case before Justice Gould tomorrow morning.

The story of the life of Miss Miller, of her struggles, and of her opportunity discovery by the detectives and lawyers who were looking for her, reads like a chapter out of the proverbial novel.

Miss Mamie Miller left home some months ago. She went to Baltimore and from there to Frederick, Md., where she was visiting friends.

Ignorant of Death.

Finding that her money was giving out she tried to find employment but failed, and was forced to move to cheaper surroundings. During all the time that she was away she had heard nothing from her mother and did not know of her death until yesterday. In the meantime, Mrs. Miller, who lived at 46 B street southwest, had suffered slightly from heart disease, but it was not thought to be serious. On Christmas eve, just as she was preparing a number of presents for her friends, the fatal attack seized her.

Her attorney, George W. Drew, at once took charge of her effects and a search was made for the will. None was found, however, and one of the woman's friends said that she had put off making one until the New Year. Accordingly, the safe in her room was broken open and jewels, costly plumes, accounts in two banks, and deeds for valuable real estate—in all about \$20,000 worth of property—were found scattered there.

Detectives on Trail.

The search was at once begun for the missing daughter. Descriptions of her were sent broadcast throughout the eastern part of the country and detectives were hired to search for her in Maryland, for it was thought that she would certainly be found there. One of the advertisements in a Frederick, Md., paper attracted the attention of a lawyer in that city, and he at once made inquiries for the girl described, as he was certain that he had seen her on the street of that city.

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PEABODY AND WIFE DIE FROM INJURIES

Aged Couple Struck by Car Pass Away Within Twelve Hours of Each Other.

Death has failed to separate John J. Peabody and his wife, Mrs. Mary Peabody, who after a married life of more than fifty years, were run down Christmas Eve by a Ninth street car and died within twelve hours of each other in Emergency Hospital.

Mr. Peabody died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, while his wife passed away at 2 o'clock this morning.

Unconscious from the time she was brought into the hospital, the death of Mrs. Peabody was expected momentarily, and the physicians never thought that she would outlive her husband, whose injuries, while serious, were not regarded as necessarily fatal.

Mr. Peabody was in a state of semiconsciousness most of the time. He asked when he was struck by a south-bound car, and had started in the direction of their home when they walked in front of a car coming in the opposite direction, which they had failed to see.

H. L. Hoffman, the motorman, applied the brakes and reversed the current when he saw the couple start across the track, but it was too late to avoid an accident. Hoffman and the conductor, D. C. Keyes, were arrested by the police of the Second precinct, and released in the sum of \$2,000 each to await the outcome of the couple's injuries. Coroner Nevitt will hold an inquest at the District Morgue tomorrow to fix the responsibility for the accident.

Mr. Peabody was seventy-three years old, and at one time was chief of the Washington Fire Department. He was a member of the Northern Liberty Volunteer Fire Company, having joined the organization in 1848. He was the first chief of the paid department.

Mrs. Peabody was seventy-three years old and she died at 2 o'clock this morning. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

Ambassador Bryce Back From South America

Ambassador James Bryce, of Great Britain, has just returned to Washington, following a tour of the South American republics. Owing to the growing importance of the relations of this country with South America, there is keen interest felt among State Department officials here as to the object of Mr. Bryce's visit.

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SUBSTITUTE TO GET FULL TEACHER'S PAY

Opinion of Comptroller of Treasury Prevents Farming Out Positions.

Beginning tomorrow, teachers availing themselves of sick leave will receive no portion of their salaries and their entire earnings for the days they are off will go to the persons temporarily filling the vacancies. For years teachers have received half pay for the first thirty days' absence, the other half going to the substitute, but at a meeting of the supervisory officers held this morning in Franklin school, Superintendent A. T. Stuart advised the officers that pay would be discontinued from the time the instructor's services end, in accordance with an opinion of the Comptroller of the Treasury.

These supervisory instructors, who certify to the payrolls in all the schools in the District of Columbia, will convey Mr. Stuart's message to the 1,900 other teachers when the schools open tomorrow.

The meeting this morning was held for the purpose of familiarizing the supervisory teachers of the contents of the Comptroller of the Treasury's opinion, and to explain how the Board of Education proposed to comply with it, pending the granting of additional powers by Congress.

That drastic measures will have to be adopted is apparent, and Mr. Stuart said that in some cases it might be necessary to let some classes go untaught.

"Only those who have qualified as temporary instructors," explained the superintendent, "it probably will not be difficult to secure teachers for the graded schools, owing to the number of normal graduates, but filling vacancies in the high schools will be more difficult. It is asked whether a teacher who was employed for a half-day could not be employed to take the place of an absent teacher during the other half of the day?"

Mr. Stuart said there would be no provision for paying her for the extra service. He said that her salary was paid and she could not receive the substitute's pay in addition.

Some of the teachers, who were on sick leave during the month of December, may be out considerable of their own pockets, expecting to receive their full salary on the regular payroll, but it has been developed that deductions have been made on the payroll for all time lost by the regular teachers.

Under the new order that substitute teachers shall receive the entire salary of the regular teacher for the full time they serve, farming out of positions will be prevented. Capt. James F. Oyster, president of the Board, addressed the meeting this morning, and he explained that in his opinion it was not right for a teacher to receive more money than she paid her substitute.

THEORY OF MURDER HELD FOREMOST IN CUMBERLAND CASE

None Can Advance Reason Why Young Couple Should End Lives.

VICTIMS WILL BE BURIED TOMORROW

Sister of Dead Girl Tells of Incidents Preceding Their Deaths.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Jan. 2.—While the men and women of this prosperous mountain town discuss nothing else in their homes and upon the street corners, and while officers hasten here and there upon false trails, the conviction grows that it was murder, and not suicide, that caused the death of Miss M. Grace Elloser and Charles E. Twigg upon the eve of their wedding day.

The two are to be buried at the same hour tomorrow afternoon, but the graves will be far apart. If the man and the woman really made a suicide pact within a few minutes after Twigg showed his fiancée the wedding ring Saturday afternoon, it would seem that the two would want their graves adjoining, but such is not to be.

Twigg's Body Taken Home.

The body of Twigg was carried to his home in Keizer, Va., twenty-three miles away, last night. The body of Grace Elloser awaits burial here in Cumberland. Each family has claimed its own.

The crime records of this or any other State have seldom furnished a tragedy so completely wrapped in mystery. It is known that Twigg and his soon-to-be bride were found dead upon a sofa in the girl's home, just a few minutes before she planned a final shopping trip up town.

The doctors today definitely decided that cyanide of potassium poisoning had snuffed out the lives of both within a few seconds' time.

"Third Degree" for Family.

State's Attorney Robb, who spent last night at Keizer, put the Elloser family through the "third degree" this morning, and, although the attorney was a mysterious air this afternoon, it is learned that he found out nothing that might throw real light upon the tragedy.

The dead girl's father, whose home adjoins his grocery store, resents the insinuation that the family is hiding anything from the authorities. Especially indignant are the members of the family over the report that there was any delay in summoning medical aid.

Mrs. Katie See, a married sister of Grace Elloser, told a dramatic story this afternoon of the finding of the bodies.

Intermingled is a note of other misfortunes that have overtaken both the Twigg and Elloser households. Lewis Elloser, a farmer, died last year, leaving a widow and three children. Grace, the dead girl, married young and unfortunately three years ago. Charles Twigg, also a farmer, was a widower.

The mother and father of Twigg are estranged. The two met for the first time in years at the bier of their eldest son last night.

Their hearts softened and friends are predicting today that there will be a reconciliation between the two couples. Three years ago the elder Twigg left his home in Keizer and came to Cumberland. He brought with him a fortune of \$27,000, but it is understood that this fell into the possession of a woman, of whom the elderly man was enamored, and he has been unable to recover it.

Up to a short time ago Charles Twigg is said to have been in correspondence with a Miss Dye, of Monticello, Ind. He is untrue, it is thought, to women, in no extraordinary way, however, in nearby West Virginia and Maryland towns, but none of these supposed love affairs is thought to have been so serious as to effect the love existing between himself and Miss Elloser.

The love existing between the two who died so strangely within a few hours of their wedding day and the circumstances surrounding the tragedy at the Elloser home were thus far in the afternoon by Mrs. See, who stood beside the casket in which her sister lay as she talked:

"There lies my sister. She is clad in her wedding gown. Upstairs her trunk is packed, in anticipation of her honeymoon. There was never a happier girl than Grace when last we saw her alive at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon."

"Charlie came and showed her the wedding ring. Mamma saw Charlie kiss her as he tried the ring on Grace's finger. Then mamma went out. After a while mamma returned when the hour came for Grace and Charlie to go uptown. She knocked on the door and received no answer. Then she came in. She had scolded Grace when she saw her sitting there, just as if she were asleep. She shook both of them."

"A moment later she rushed back into the house, her hands outstretched, her thinking she had been burned over the gas stove. Then my sister, May, came and right here I want to say that it is untrue that May was jealous of Charlie's attention to Grace. May and my mother pulled Grace off the sofa and lay her out on the bed. Then she returned to the parlor, where some one had lain Charlie upon the floor."

"May fell down beside Charlie's body in a faint. In the adjoining room motion pictures were being shown. Twigg was found with elbow resting upon the arm of a short divan. The head of his fiancée lay tightly upon his left shoulder. No mark of pain was upon either countenance when the mother of the girl walked into the room, found daughter and prospective son-in-law dead, and

There was no sign of a convulsive movement on the part of either the man or the woman. Twigg was found with elbow resting upon the arm of a short divan. The head of his fiancée lay tightly upon his left shoulder. No mark of pain was upon either countenance when the mother of the girl walked into the room, found daughter and prospective son-in-law dead, and